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DURHAM, N.H. – University of New Hampshire researchers have confirmed that the snow of our childhood really was deeper. In her master's thesis, Earth sciences/geochemical systems student Elizabeth Burakowski conducted the most comprehensive analysis on changes in winter climate across the Northeast United States using data that was subjected to rigorous quality control. The study, done in collaboration with research associate professor Cameron Wake of UNH's Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans and Space, found that winters have been warming over the past four decades at an average of .77 degrees F per decade, and that snow-covered days have been decreasing at a rate of 2.6 days per decade.

Burakowski presented her thesis, "[Trends in Wintertime Climate Variability in the Northeastern United States: 1965 – 2005,](#)" at the American Geophysical Union meeting in December 2007.

Read the Associated Press story about Burakowski's research here:
<http://timesunion.com/AspStories/storyprint.asp?StoryID=654427>

Read about UNH research documenting climate change's impact on the New England ski industry here: http://www.unh.edu/news/cj_nr/2007/dec/lw05slopes.cfm.

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